



Michael A. Alston

Michael Alston has served as the Associate Administrator of the USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) and Deputy Manager for the FCIC Board since 2013. Mr. Alston brings years of experience within RMA, as well as with other federal agencies to the position.

Mr. Alston's strong program knowledge and leadership experience has provided guidance for many years within the agency, and for all of its key programs. He has served as the Deputy Administrator of the Insurance Services Division, and as the RMA Associate Deputy Administrator for Compliance. Previous to these positions, Mr. Alston oversaw crop insurance operations in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio as the Director of the RMA Springfield Regional Office.

Prior to joining USDA Mr. Alston worked for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), State Department. During his tenure with the DEA, Mr. Alston was assigned overseas working on a counter-narcotic program, for the State Department after the two east African US Embassies were bombed.

RMA provides economic protection and risk management tools to America's farmers and ranchers primarily through federally sponsored crop insurance delivered and serviced by private insurance companies.

A native of Michigan, Mr. Alston holds a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University.